Standard of National Games

†2622. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to constitute a board like in Board of Control for Cricket in India for games like Hockey, Football, Swimming, Tennis, etc. for improvement of games and to encourage players of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the standard of National Games is continuously falling down; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to improve the falling standard of National Games?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. The Government does not constitute Boards/Federations for individual sports/games. Federations for hockey, football, swimming, tennis are already constituted and are autonomous bodies registered under the Societies Registration Act.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. The participation as well as performance of Indian sportspersons in National Games has considerably improved in recent years.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above. However government is providing inputs for better performance of sportspersons in National Games in terms of training, exposure, coaching on scientific support etc.

Assistance to the States for promoting sports

†2623. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study has been conducted on the possibilities of development of adventures sports specially Snow Sports, River Raffting and Mountaineering;

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